



**CUSTOMER NUMBER 25268**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Thomas Schwalbe et al. Attorney Docket No: CELL0013  
Serial No: 09/578,224 Group Art Unit: 1764  
Filed: May 24, 2000 Examiner: Jennifer A. Leung  
Title: MODULAR CHEMICAL PRODUCTION SYSTEM INCORPORATING A  
MICROREACTOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Bellevue, Washington 98004

May 4, 2005

TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

In response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2004, and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) submitted concurrently herewith, applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as set forth below and that the Examiner consider the application in view of these amendments and the Remarks that follow. The application is amended as set forth below.